

# Why are Parent-Teacher Conferences Important?

## > Build a strong Partnership

These meetings help parents and teachers work as a team to support the child's learning and development.

Teachers learn more about the child's background, strengths, and challenges from the parent's perspective.

### Understand Your Child's Progress

You get clear information about your child's:

- Academic performance (reading, math, writing, etc.)
- Behavior and participation
- Social skills and emotional well-being

You can ask questions and get specific feedback.

### Identify Support Early

If your child is struggling, the teacher can suggest:

- Extra help or tutoring
- Special education services
- Behavior or emotional support

Early action can make a big difference in your child's success.

## > Meeting with the teacher and Interpreter

If English is not your first language, meeting with an interpreter can make the experience much more comfortable and effective.

### Benefits of Using an Interpreter:

- You can express yourself clearly in your native language.
- You'll understand everything the teacher says—no confusion or guessing.
- You can ask more detailed questions and get accurate answers

## > Tips for a Successful meeting

- Request an interpreter in advance: Let the school know your preferred language.
- Speak directly to the teacher: Even though the interpreter is translating, look at and talk to the teacher.
- Take notes: Write down important points or next steps.
- Ask for written materials: If possible, ask for documents in your language or use translation tools at home.